Beginning a Cathedral

IT is in all our minds to make some adequate memorial of those who have given their lives for our peace and safety. Many have spoken of a Cathedral. The steps already taken, particularly a definite request to the public authorities that a site be reserved for it on the Parkway, have met with general approval.

Meanwhile, we do not intend to be idly waiting, doing nothing. We mean to make real use of the very great present opportunity. We mean to build our spiritual fabric, to prepare the Cathedral soul, which some day will put on a glorious Cathedral body.

This is the work and purpose of the Diocesan Church situated at Broad and South Streets, formerly the Church of the Ascension, now called St. Mary's. It has been given to the Diocese. The legacy of $100,000 left by Mrs. H. W. Watson is to be used under her will for the enlargement and improvement of

the present building. With the Rev. G. L. Richardson, D.D., as Vicar, and the Rev. S. B. Booth as Assistant to the Vicar, the Diocesan Church will begin its proper work on March 1, 1919. It will serve every Diocesan interest. It will be the spiritual centre of Diocesan work. It will represent the Diocese as a whole to the community at large. So it will prepare the way for the Cathedral.

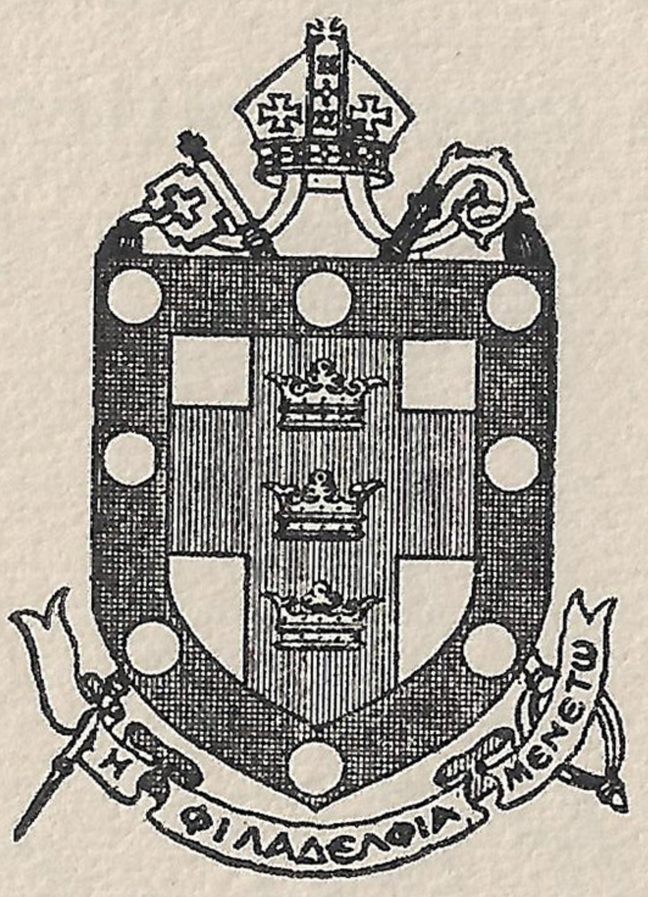
The present and instant need is for an Endowment Fund. It is business and spiritual common sense, that maintenance must be assured before building plans or operations can be wisely undertaken. The income of a Cathedral Endowment Fund would be used from the first to support the Cathedral work of the Diocesan Church, and, when the Cathedral Church itself is built, the Endowment Fund will be on hand ready to maintain it.

The income of not less than $250,000 will be needed to support the work as at

present planned. The Vestry of the Diocesan Church, of which Mr. Sydney L. Wright is Treasurer, are pledged to raise this Fund at once by personal efforts. Later will follow a more general appeal. Much depends upon the first contributions and contributors.

One of the Vestry will put this paper in your hands. Will you not seriously think over this great matter? Will you not claim your part in beginning a Cathedral?

Feast of the Epiphany
January 6, 1919.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